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FOLLOWING REPLIES TO POINTS RAISED IN REFTELS ARE BASED ON INFO
NOW AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY AND EMBASSY'S BEST JUDGMENT OF WHAT IS
POSSIBLE, WITHOUT HAVING DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF VISIT WITH GOK
(WHICH WE WILL NOT DO UNTIL INSTRUCTED):

1. GOK WILL WAIVE VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTY AND PRESS AND
FACILITATE CONSOLIDATED IMMIGRATION/CUSTOMS CLEARANCES FOR
PASSENGERS AND BAGGAGE.

2. ADEQUATE LODGING AND OFFICE SPACE CAN BE ARRANGED. GOK WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY ASK SECRETARY STAY AT GUEST HOUSE IF HE STAYS OVER-
NIGHT. GUEST HOUSE HAS ADEQUATE SPACE FOR ALL REQUIRED LODGING,
OFFICES, SECURITY, AND ENTERTAINING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL THOSE
WHO SHOULD BE LOCATED WITH SECRETARY. WE WILL MANAGE SATISFACTORY
ARRANGEMENTS FOR REST OF THOSE TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY, ALTHOUGH
HOTEL SPACE IS VERY TIGHT.

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3. IF SECRETARY DOES NOT OVERNIGHT IN KUWAIT, BEST ARRANGEMENT FROM PHYSICAL STANDPOINT PROBABLY WOULD BE TO HEADQUARTER SECRETARY AND SUPPORTING STAFF ON EMBASSY COMPOUND WHICH CONTAINS BOTH CHANCERY AND AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. HILTON HOTEL IS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET. GOK MIGHT AGREE TO THIS ARRANGEMENT ALTHOUGH QUITE POSSIBLY IT WOULD WANT SECRETARY TO USE GOK GUEST HOUSE ANYWAY.

4. GENERAL NOTE: AS DEPT KNOWS, SECRET SERVICE AND WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS STAFF ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH KUWAIT FROM STANDPOINT OF VIP VISITS, HAVING GONE THROUGH DETAILED PREPARATIONS FOR SECRETARY'S PLANNED VISIT LAST SPRING.

5. GOK WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE NUMBER OF VEHICLES TO SUPPLEMENT EMBASSY FLEET.

6. GOK SCHEDULE OF VIP VISITS FOR NEXT 30 DAYS, AS OF NOW, IS AS FOLLOWS:

MAR 9-14: CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MIN FINANCE ATEEQI VISIT SAUDI ARABIA.

MAR 15-18: VISIT TO KUWAIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF BAHRAIN.

MAR 16-26: VISIT TO CUBA AND BRAZIL OF GOK FORMIN.

MAR 17: VISIT TO KUWAIT OF RULER OF SHARJA (UAE).

MAR 20 OR 22: VISIT TO KUWAIT OF DEPT FONMIN OF FED REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

MAR 18-21: AMIR OF KUWAIT VISITS SUDAN.

MAR 24-27: VISIT TO KUWAIT OF PRESIDENT OF MALI.

APR 12-15: VISIT TO KUWAIT OF RUMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU.

7. ANY FRIDAY SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

8. LIGHTWEIGHT FALL CLOTHING SUITABLE FOR DAY AND EVENING WEAR (EVENINGS CAN BE CHILLY). DARK SUIT NORMALLY WORN TO ALL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. BLACK TIE NOT REQUIRED.

9. ELECTRICAL CURRENT IN KUWAIT IS 240V-50 CYCLE. HOTEL HILTON HAS OUTLETS FOR 110 V ELECTRIC SHAVERS. ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS WILL REQUIRE TRANSFORMERS, WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE LOCALLY. CHANCERY CURRENT IS 240V-50 CYCLES.

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10. FOR NEA: SINCE POST HAS EXHAUSTED FUNDS, NEA WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY MONIES REQUIRED PARA 6B AND REFTEL B. ADDITIONAL MARINE SECURITY GUARDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO AUGMENT OUR DETACHMENT.

11. EMBASSY WILL LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING ADVICE RE COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEPHONES.
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